

# **Arizona Senate Higher Education Committee**

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# **HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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## **LEGISLATION ENACTED**

### postsecondary institutions; SAIS numbers (S.B. 1045) – Chapter 100

Beginning July 1, 2007, requires the student identification number used by the state's public universities and community colleges to correspond to or reference the Student Accountability Information System (SAIS) numbers assigned to the student by the Arizona Department of Education after June 30, 2006. It also removes the ability for any faculty, staff or student at a public university to request that their social security number be used as their individual identification number.

### regents; rural member. (S.B. 1058) – Chapter 253

Requires the Governor to appoint two nonstudent members who reside in counties of less than 800,000 persons to serve on the Arizona Board of Regents upon the expiration of the next two nonstudent member terms, or if any vacancies occur. One member is to be selected from either Apache, Coconino, Gila, Mohave, Navajo or Yavapai counties and the other from either Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Pinal, Santa Cruz or Yuma counties. The initial term of one of the two appointments is four years.

### private postsecondary education board; continuation (H.B. 2052) – Chapter 7

Retroactive to July 1, 2006, continues the Private Postsecondary Education Board until July 1, 2016.

### educational classrooms; flag display (H.B. 2583) – Chapter 381

Effective July 1, 2007, requires each school district, charter school, community college district and public university to display a domestically manufactured United States flag, measuring two feet by three feet, in each classroom in accordance to the Federal Flag Code. Requires that a legible copy of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights be displayed adjacent to the flag in each classroom in grades 7-12 and at a community college and university campus. Requires the State House of Representatives and the State Senate to display a United States flag and a copy of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights in each hearing room.

Establishes the Flags and Constitutions for Freedom Program (Program) to allow Arizona businesses to donate domestically manufactured United States flags or legible copies of the United States Constitution or Bill of Rights to any public educational institution between July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

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### community college bookstores; revenue expenditures (H.B. 2774) – Chapter 198

Defers, until July 1, 2009, the existing state aid withholding penalty assessed to a community college district that exceeds its aggregate expenditure limitation if the amount exceeded is due to the expenditure of revenues from a self-operated bookstore.

### higher education; budget reconciliation. (H.B. 2873) – Chapter 352

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## **VETOES**

### postsecondary institutions; religious organizations; equality (S.B. 1153) – VETOED

Prohibits a public postsecondary institution from denying recognition, access, rights, benefits or privileges to a student organization on the basis that the organization advocates religious, political or philosophical beliefs or limits its membership or leadership to students who share the same religious, political or philosophical beliefs. However, a public postsecondary institution is not required to recognize an organization that engages in discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, citizenship, age, veteran status or disability or that disseminates messages or materials that are obscene, defamatory, fraudulent or comprise fighting words.

In her veto message, the Governor states that students at public postsecondary institutions should not be prohibited from participating in the student organizations of their choice simply based on their religious or political beliefs.

### charter schools; sponsorship (S.B. 1455) – VETOED

Retroactive to July 1, 2006, allows a public nonprofit university, college or community college to sponsor charter schools and prohibits a charter school sponsor, other than a school district, from owning or operating a charter school. Allows a sponsor of a charter school to impose a \$1,000 civil penalty per violation on a charter school if that school fails to comply with fingerprinting requirements.

In her veto message, the Governor indicates that her reasons for vetoing this bill are the same for S.B. 1085 that she vetoed in 2005. In her veto message for S.B. 1085, the Governor states that legislation is not necessary to expand the number of charter sponsors. The Governor further explains that S.B. 1455 fails to include the requirement that charter schools comply with the state's English language learner statutes.